

Boston, Dec. 18th. 1859.

To W. L. Garrison, Esq.

142 Dear Sir, - The following is an extract from an editorial in the Saint John (N. B.) Courier of Dec. 10th. The sentiments therein contained, it is quite superfluous for me to say, are pretty generally entertained by the denizens of Saint John, as well as by those of most of the subjects of British North America:

*** "No one, we would imagine could rise from a perusal of these details, without being impressed with a conviction, that Brown was a good, an honest and a brave man; and that he met his fate in a manner, and with a deportment approaching the sublime; and not surpassed in calmness and simple self-reliance by that recorded of any one of the great historical characters who suffered on the scaffold in ancient or modern times.

Virginia would have acted wisely, we conceive, if she had spared the old man's life.

The supremacy of her laws were established by his conviction and sentence; and to have given him his life, on condition that he expatriated himself, would have shewn magnanimity, and prevented the excitement gradually

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persuading every section of the Union 2
free from the taint of Slavery.

"Already the mutterings of the approaching storm are heard, and if it once ~~bursts~~ out, the 'peculiar institution' of the Southern States must be prostrated beneath it—we fear, not before rivers of blood are shed, and fire and flame ravage their cities and plantations."

A correspondent of the same paper ~~contains~~ gives his views as follows:

"It does not seem possible to understand why Brown could not have been punished as the English and Irish traitors were, by imprisonment. What a glorious martyr Smith O'Brien, the par excellence respectable agitator, would have been, had the English Government been silly enough to hang him. He deserved hanging just as much as John Brown. But O'Brien lives, as Mitchell, [the sham patriot] does, to make himself ridiculous and even contemptible."

The fate of John Brown, Mr. Garrison, is justly looked upon in the Provinces, of which latitude thank God I am a native,
Dover

as a fiendish and "most foul and 23
unnatural murder." No, I retract the
word "unnatural," for it is most natural
for slaveholders and their satellites to
tar and feather, lynch, and abuse
in the most approved Southern
demoniac style every honest man,
be he a New Englander or a
"Britisher," who may attempt to even
speak his honest sentiments and
convictions.

I say, in conclusion, in the ~~name~~
of God let the South secede from
the Union; the time is not far
distant, I trust, when the British
North American Provinces will
form a holy and indissoluble union
with the United States of North
America, when there will be no
harping upon dissolutions of Unions!
May it come. So mote it be.

Yours, respectfully,
A British Subject.